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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear US Justice Department,

I am a small business owner and wish to make a simple comment about the Microsoft Settlement.

The penalty must be strong and not allow Microsoft to use their own products as payments.

Cash for the full amount, plus on-going support costs must be provided, for at least 10 years.

My company has been directly damaged by Microsoft due to poor software quality, viruses and forced upgrades. The penalties for Microsoft must include the support of third party software. I suggest that Microsoft be required to fund the Free Software Foundation to the tune of \$100 Million per year for a period of at least 10 years. This money must go into a "blind trust" so that Microsoft can not control the money.

I also think that the settlement does not fully recognize the Linux movement. Open source and "free" software must explicitly benefit from the settlement. For example, a good item would be to require a port of Microsoft Office to Linux.

As an individual, I would like to see at least \$100 for each copy of Windows, I have had to buy pre-installed on my computers.

I still think a break-up is the best for the consumer and, as a stockholder of Microsoft stock, I prefer that settlement method as it gives me the most value.

I agree with the content of Ralph Nader's and James Love's letter to the Court  
(<http://www.cptech.org/at/ms/rnj12kollarkotellynov501.html>).

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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